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Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As lieutenant governor of the great state of Nevada, I have a responsibility to encourage growth opportunities, promote a healthy business climate and ensure economic diversity in the Silver State. I'm writing to support the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into the proposed new company, New Charter. The proposed transaction would result in the creation of thousands of new American jobs, a corporate commitment to a free and open internet, and great infrastructural investment around the country.

Charter Communications has long served Nevada communities with quality products, and the company plays a large role in our state's cable broadband industry. In the past three years alone, the company has invested over \$108 million in our state to bring its network 100 percent digital. New Charter has committed to continue these infrastructural investments, and plans to spend at least \$2.5 billion more in the build out of its network across the combined company's national footprint. Charter Communications has committed to particularly focus on rural and underserved areas, and will build one million residential line extensions to bring consumers in all locations access to high quality, high speed services.

New Charter has pledged to prioritize American jobs, and will return TWC's overseas call centers back to the United States. They'll hire and train thousands of Americans for new call center jobs, which, aside from contributing to job growth, will greatly increase customer service.

Finally, the proposed company has made a firm commitment to promote net neutrality, pledging to promote a free and open internet. This helps small businesses compete with larger organizations online by never favoring certain domains over others, charging usage-based billing fees, or instituting data caps. The Internet is a common benefit in this country and should remain that way, and New Charter has committed to uphold these ideals.

For all of these reasons, I believe New Charter would serve the public good, particularly in Nevada, and I urge the FCC to vote to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Hutchison  
Lieutenant Governor